Once Upon a Time season 3

Starring	Jennifer Morrison Jennifer Goodwin Josh Dallas Ginnifer Goodwin Lana Parrilla Robert Carlyle Emilie de Ravin
No. of episodes	22
Release	
Original network	ABC
Picture format	1080i (HDTV) 720p (HDTV)
Audio format	Dolby Digital 5.1

The third season of the fantasy-drama series Once Upon a Time was announced on May 10, 2012,[1] and premiered on September 30, 2012.[2] The season consists of 22 episodes, which began airing in the United States on the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) network on September 30, 2012, and concluded on May 19, 2013. The season premiere was watched by 12.69 million viewers, making it the most watched premiere in the show's history. The season finale was watched by 11.61 million viewers.[3] The season is set following the ending of the second season, and continues the story of Emma Swan (Jennifer Morrison) and her son Henry (Jared Gilmore) as they travel to Storybrooke, Maine, where Prince Charming (Josh Dallas) and Snow White (Ginnifer Goodwin) have been cursed to live in the real world, where they have no memories of their fairy tale lives. Meanwhile, Emma's mother Regina (Lana Parrilla) and Rumplestiltskin (Robert Carlyle) have been cursed to live in the fairy tale world, where they have no memories of their real life counterparts.

Premise

Emma Swan is living as Emma Lucas and working as a bail bondsperson in Storybrooke, Maine, a town in the real world where fairy tale characters have been cursed to live without their memories. Her son Henry, who has been living with Regina, has come to Storybrooke to find Emma and bring her back to the fairy tale world. Emma is reluctant to leave her life behind, but Henry convinces her to go back to help her parents, Prince Charming and Snow White, who have been cursed to live in the fairy tale world. Emma's mother Regina and Rumplestiltskin have been cursed to live in the real world, where they have no memories of their fairy tale lives. Regina is reluctant to help Emma, but Rumplestiltskin convinces her to help Emma in exchange for the return of his son Baelfire. Emma, Henry, Regina and Rumplestiltskin travel to the fairy tale world, where they find Prince Charming and Snow White in the dungeon of Regina's castle. Regina is reluctant to release them, but Emma convinces her to do so. Emma, Henry, Regina, Rumplestiltskin, Prince Charming and Snow White return to the real world, where they find Emma's mother Regina and Rumplestiltskin living in the mansion of Storybrooke's mayor, Mr. Gold. Emma, Henry, Regina, Rumplestiltskin, Prince Charming and Snow White return to the fairy tale world, where they find Emma's mother Regina and Rumplestiltskin living in the castle of Regina's father, King Leopold